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UCT POSTGRADUATE FUNDING OFFICE

An intro to our team, services & scholarships

We're here to help
postgraduates at UCT
navigate funding opportunities

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“Starting postgrad studies is not an overnight decision – lots of thinking goes into it! Finding and applying for funding is a key part. Every year, my team assists thousands of students kickstart their individual postgraduate journeys. For assistance, all you need to do is knock on our door”

Chantal Swartz | Senior Manager,
Postgraduate Funding Office

Contact us

If you are a UCT student:

- **Log a service request online:** bit.ly/ServReqGuide
- **Book a consultation:** bit.ly/PGFOHelpDesk

If you are NOT yet a UCT student:

- **Phone:** +27 21 650 3622
- **Email:** pgfunding@uct.ac.za

Web bit.ly/UCTPGfunding

Visit us Level 3, Otto Beit building,
University Avenue North,
Upper Campus, UCT

X @UCTpostgrads

Good luck!
If you need help,
we look forward
to hearing from you!

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- **Press 1** for general information on postgraduate (PG) funding opportunities
- **Press 2** for PG Financial Aid scholarships and donor funding
- **Press 3** for NRF scholarships and Departmental scholarships
- **Press 4** for postdoctoral administration support

To book a face-to-face or virtual consultation: bit.ly/pgfohelpdesk

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Chantal Swartz
SENIOR MANAGER

We are responsible for the management and administration of postgraduate and postdoctoral awards, as well as for monitoring the postgraduate and postdoctoral sectors and for the development of policies and procedures for financial and other types of support.

Meet the PGFO leadership team

Three teams make up the PGFO. Two teams support postgraduate students, and one team supports the Postdoctoral Research fellows



Stacey-Lee Harrison
MANAGER



Chantel Reed
MANAGER

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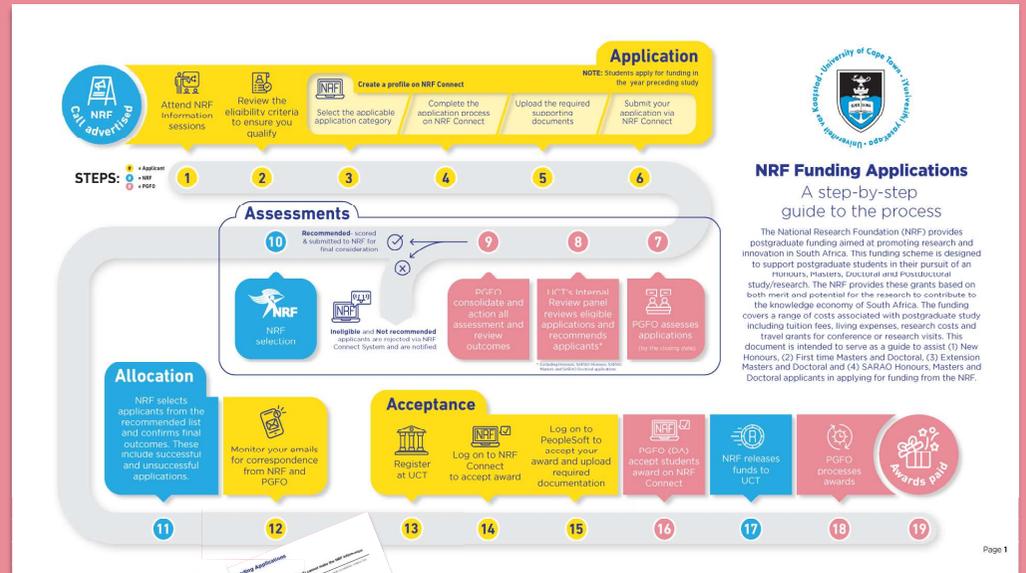
PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

- Financial Aid/GAP for South African and permanent residents
- Vice Chancellor Scholarship
- International Students Scholarships
- Refugee Students Scholarships

- JW Jagger Centenary Scholarships
- JW Jagger Trust Scholarship

- John Davidson Educational Trust
- Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund
- Women Scientist Fellowship
- Commonwealth
- Lestrade
- Garden Cities
- Dr J Graaf & Dr A Strebel
- IBM Bursary
- RAPCAN

These awards & grants are covered in detail online. Refer to Handbook 14: bit.ly/UCThandbooks



Do you want to apply for funding from the NRF?

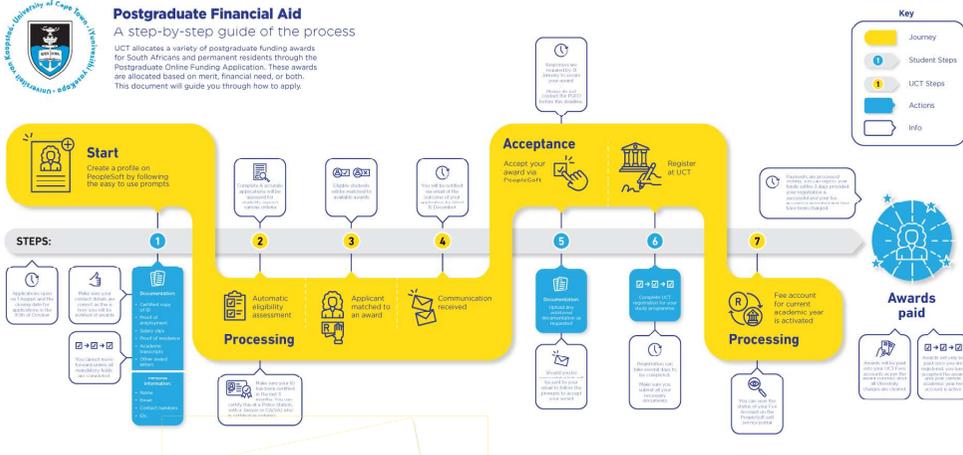
Download the full step-by-step guide here:
bit.ly/UCTGuideNRF



Postgraduate Financial Aid

A step-by-step guide of the process

UCT allocates a variety of postgraduate funding awards for South Africans and permanent residents through the Postgraduate Online Funding Application. These awards are allocated based on merit, financial need, or both. This document will guide you through how to apply.



Do you want to apply for financial aid from UCT?

Download the full step-by-step guide here:
bit.ly/FinAidGuideUCT



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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

Travel Grants

- By independent application form
- Doctoral Conference Travel Grants
 - International Travel Scholarships
 - Scarbrow Bursary

Prestigious Fellowships

- By independent application form
- The Harry Crossley Research Fellowships
 - The Annette-Campbell White Scholarship

Awards by nominations

- The Mamokgethi Phakeng Scholarship Fund
- The Mamokgethi Phakeng Prize
- The Max Price and Deborah Posel Postgraduate Scholarship
- Graduation awards, 3-Year Bachelor and Senior Scholarships

These awards & grants are covered in detail online. Refer to Handbook 14: bit.ly/UCThandbooks



STATE FUNDING & DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

National Research Foundation (NRF) Scholarships

- Innovation, Scarce Skills, Freestanding, DAAD
- Nuffic (Single/Split Site)
- TWAS Doctoral
- Grant Holder/SARChI Bursaries
- SARAO
- Extension
- Full Cost of Study (FCS)
- Partial Cost of Study (PCS)
- Other funding is available on the NRF's website: www.nrf.ac.za/funding/

NRF Travel Grants

Respective Departments

- Departmental Scholarships
- Consult the Departments/Faculties

These awards & grants are covered in detail online. Refer to Handbook 14: bit.ly/UCThandbooks

Funding tenure & income limits

FIRST THREE YEARS of doctoral study

R315 000 funding limit

FIRST TWO YEARS of master's study

R254 000 funding limit

ONE YEAR of honours study

R190 000 funding limit

Annual funding limitations

Apply to the scholarships and bursaries managed by the PGFO. Students can accept more than one scholarship as long as the total amount doesn't exceed these figures each year.

Please note that financial-need* applicants will only be awarded funding up to their cost of attendance which is calculated as follows:

- tuition
- once-off book allowance
- res/rental or live-at-home allowance
- food allowance
- travel allowance

Eligibility criteria

- **TYPES OF DEGREES:** Honours, master's & doctoral
- **STUDENT STATUS:** Most funding opportunities are only available for full-time studies, but there are a few options available to students studying part-time
- **NATIONALITY:** Most of the scholarships are only available to South African citizens or permanent residents. However, there are a few scholarships for students located elsewhere in the world

Ineligible categories

- These degrees do not qualify for funding from the PGFO because they do not have a research focus: diplomas, certificates, BArch & LLB.
- Any fourth year linked to an undergraduate degree
- In addition, a second degree at the same level as one they already hold e.g. a second honour's degree

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Main areas of support/sources of funds

UCT (GOB) - University of Cape Town - General Operating Budget
Funds provided by UCT Council to the General Operating Budget

DEPT - Departmental Scholarships

Departmental funds are derived from those raised by individual academics, academic departments and/or units

DON - Donated Funds

Donated funds are received from sponsors

INV - Invested Funds

Part of the annual income from specific investments that are held by the university are used for scholarship support

NRF - National Research Foundation

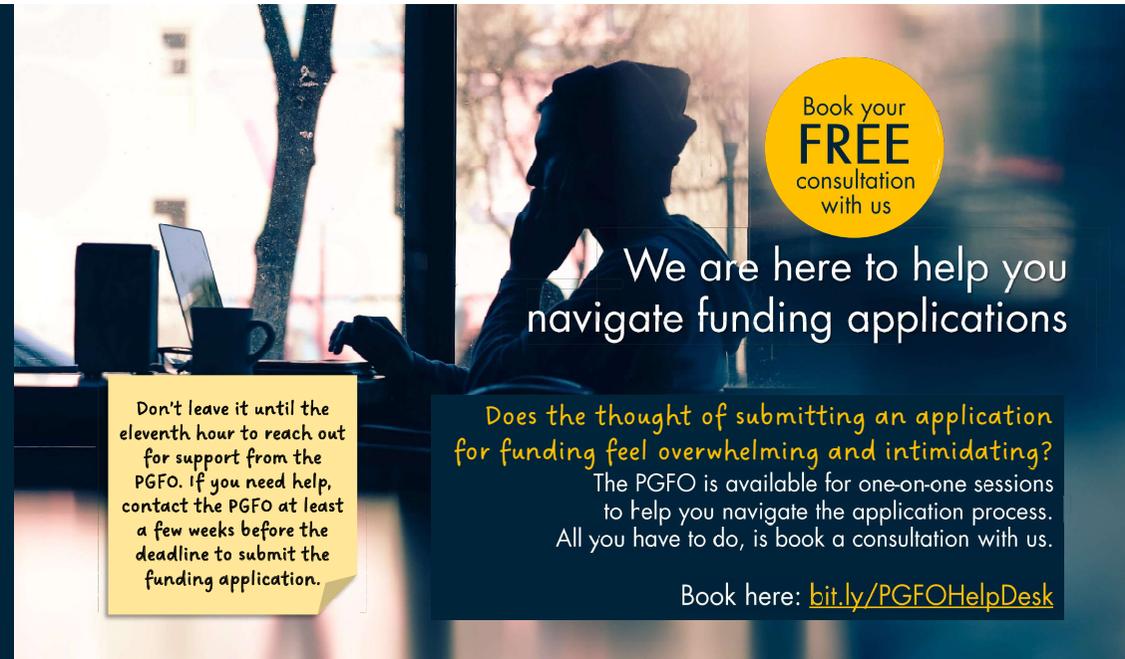
NRF is a government-funded agency that provides funds to support research at universities

The PGFO is the guardian of all these funds. We are responsible for managing these funds and ensuring that the recipients of each scholarship are paid.

In 2023,
the PGFO allocated
R390.1
MILLION*

to postgraduate students
to fund their studies

* unaudited figure



Book your **FREE** consultation with us

We are here to help you navigate funding applications

Does the thought of submitting an application for funding feel overwhelming and intimidating?

The PGFO is available for one-on-one sessions to help you navigate the application process. All you have to do, is book a consultation with us.

Don't leave it until the eleventh hour to reach out for support from the PGFO. If you need help, contact the PGFO at least a few weeks before the deadline to submit the funding application.

Book here: bit.ly/PGFOHelpDesk

FINDING FUNDING

7 KEY THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FUNDING YOUR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

1. Be flexible
2. Keep those marks up
3. Plan ahead
4. Follow @UCTpostgrads
5. Gather as much info as possible
6. Prepare for a balancing act
7. Ask for help

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER REGARDING FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Postgraduate funding is not automatically granted based on admission to UCT or as a follow-on to the undergraduate funding you may have had. There are many awards, each with specific criteria and rules that must be fulfilled/matched. Hence there is an application process for all awards, including deadlines for submission dates, which must be adhered to.

Read the Postgrad Studies brochure for more details: bit.ly/UCTFindPGFunding

Our go-to-places for funding opportunities

Our electronic funding noticeboard
bit.ly/UCTPGFundingNoticeboard

Handbook 14
Financial Assistance for Postgraduate Study and Postdoctoral Research
bit.ly/UCThandbooks

Follow us on X
 [@UCTpostgrads](https://twitter.com/UCTpostgrads)

Our prestigious suite of awards
bit.ly/PrestigeUCT

Take note!
Funding opportunities are announced throughout the year, so make sure you keep an eye on these platforms!

 **Scholars Program**
www.mcfsp.uct.ac.za